

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, August 17, 2006

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 17, 2006 in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Chuck Collins
Bob Gates
W.C. "Bill" Guier
Ginna Reyes
Howard Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Fuselier
Tom Ricotta

Members present represent a quorum

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Peter Drinkwater
Lee Ann Lardy
Willie Vasquez
Dan Thompson
Jim Swain
Kyle Rabiyan

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken. There were no introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of July 20, 2006. Chuck Collins motioned that they be approved, Ginna Reyes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater distributed copies of the Palomar Airport Integrated Project Plans. The Airports Division is on track with all of their projects. He has received a copy of the amended parking lot design including the automated parking control systems. Wadell Engineering has categorized and grouped the comments given at the last PAAC meeting and has modified the terminal design plan. Construction of a compatible second level may be possible if a restaurant operator would be willing to put up the money. The terminal apron, taxiway and blast area are all well on the way to design. Construction is scheduled to go out to bid in 2007, with the FAA grant money being provided in July 2007. Mr. Drinkwater said that a lifecycle, cost effective, forward-looking terminal without obsolescence needs to build around all security and operational requirements rather than around a restaurant. He said that business operations could offer incentives to make up for the inconvenience of parking further from the restaurant. The County is willing to work with operators to find solutions to meet their financial goals but not at the expense of interrupting security.

Ginna Reyes said she had been contacted by an unnamed individual concerned about the footpath crossing across the access road, saying that it was an extreme liability and may cause a curbing of the airport businesses. Mr. Drinkwater had also been informed of the concern and said that a walkway with some type of imbedded lighting was deemed to be a better solution at this time. A footbridge had originally been planned from the parking lot to the terminal but had been put on hold due to cost and space commitment issues. However, it would be possible to put in a footbridge in the future.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND LEASE AMENDMENTS FOR JET SOURCE, MAGELLAN AVIATION, PREMIER JET AND WESTERN FLIGHT – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy presented a Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Amendments for the four fixed base operators at Palomar Airport. The agreements were divided into two parts. The first part covers the initial cash payment to be spent on the local share of the North Side Storm Water Pollution Prevention Project and goes toward the start up costs for the user fee customs service. The second part covers amendments which provide for ten years of additional terms in exchange for payment for each lease with the four FBOs. In exchange for these additional terms and for postponing future interest in improvements, the County will receive approximately 3.4 million dollars. The initial cash payment of \$370,585 dollars will be divided between the two projects. It is anticipated that the County will have to pay some additional start up costs. The County has final say regarding the location of the federal inspection facility, user fees and other operation aspects of the agreement. All parties understand the customs service must become self-sustaining from the user fees in order to continue. There will be a trial period of three to five years. After three years if the service is functioning well the trial period will be extended to the full five years. If the service is not working, County staff

will meet with the FBOs and come back to the PAAC for their input but the County is optimistic the service will be successful.

Mr. Hutter asked if the County has committed to going ahead with the customs service and if so, when. The County is applying for the service at this time but needs to work with the Customs Border and Border Protection Agency on the specifics of the temporary customs facilities. The County has not received a firm commitment from the Customs and Border Patrol Agency to move into the temporary facilities. If providing shielding and extensive renovations costs hundreds of thousands dollars it would be better to wait for the permanent terminal. If that is the case, the County would go back to the FBOs and report on the roadblocks although all involved hope that is not necessary. Ms. Reyes said that the Customs and Border Patrol Agency had agreed to a temporary modular facility, a much lesser standard than normal, before they knew the current Airport Manager's office would be vacant. Ms. Lardy agreed and said it doesn't appear that it will be an issue but the County is not in a position to promise that they will accept the terms. Ms. Reyes also commented that the agency has been sending someone to the monthly Palomar Airport Security Committee meetings. Mr. Drinkwater said that the Customs Service would be available in December 2007, but sooner if possible. Members of the aviation community expressed their desire for Customs Service at Palomar Airport and said it would save them time and money.

Chuck Collins motioned that the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors be approved, Howard Williams seconded the motion. The PAAC voted to approve the recommendation, with Ginna Reyes and Tim Hutter abstaining due to economic conflict. Ms. Finnila thanked the FBOs, Mr. Drinkwater and the rest of the County staff for their work on this project.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – G. Reyes

Ms. Reyes reported that all of the businesses asked to display the VNAP posters had done so and that the flight schools were providing VNAP education for student pilots. Jim Swain continues to send letters regarding aircraft flying during quiet hours and/or generating noise complaints with copies of the letters going to the businesses from which the aircraft departed or taxied into. Ms. Reyes said that much of the traffic during quiet hours can be attributed to business travelers compelled to do so by business requirements. Those that can conform do so in most cases. FBO records consistently show that many aircraft line up on or around 6 a.m. and then wait to depart between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. or later. Almost all arrivals occur prior to 10 p.m. Eight Fly Friendly presentations have been held, two were canceled by the organizations involved and more are scheduled for the future.

Maureen Kube of 6426 Merlin Drive has noticed a significant improvement in the aircraft noise situation. She suggested that while the 250 degree course is in the logo on the VNAP posters it should also be in the text and may be more closely held to if that was the case. Ms. Finnila said that when the posters are updated they will try to get that information into the text.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 16,044
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 113,091
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 5,262
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 30,715
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 4,760; Revenue In: 4,367; Non-Revenue Out: 502; Non-Revenue In: 506; Total Passenger Throughput: 10,135
- ➔ Local Traffic: 4,191
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: 11,583
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 180
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 553
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations for June: 180 concerns for 16,044 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 89 operations
- ➔ Noise Concern by area: Southwest: 102 concerns; Southeast: 17; Northwest: 33; Northeast: 28
- ➔ Noise Concern by type: Noise: 70; VNAP: 76; Low: 34; Over flights: 0
- ➔ Noise Concern by aircraft type: Propellers: 75; Jets: 88; Helicopters: 4; No Aircraft Type Specified: 1
- ➔ Noise Concern by time of day: 0700 to 1700: 70; 1700 to 2200: 33; 2200 to 0700: 77
- ➔ Flight operations during quiet hours: 2200 to 0500: 230 [Props: 151, Jets: 60 (15 concerns received), Helicopters: 19* (0 concerns received)]; 0500 to 0700: 166 [Props: 127, Jets: 38 (53 concerns received), Helicopters: 1* (0 concerns received)].

* All helicopter flights were for Mercy Air.

The PAAC members asked questions about what defines a complaint and why there were a high number of prop planes flying during quiet hours. Mr. Vasquez said that flight schools have night operations to allow their students to get night flying hours.

R24 VNAP COMMITTEE – T. Hutter

The R24 VNAP committee met on August 8, 2006. The committee is updating aerial maps to show the noise sensitive areas. They are working with maps of other airports in Southern California and trying to determine the criteria used to deem which areas are noise sensitive and should be avoided by VFR traffic as well as deciding what scale should be used on the map. Additionally, an article appeared recently in the North County Times which talked specifically of the VNAP program. Mr. Hutter said it was fairly written with a few inaccuracies in quotes from Jim Swain and Ms. Reyes.

STAFF REPORT – G. Vasquez

The True North Ramp grand opening was on July 28, 2006. The ramp opened on August 1st. There were 53 signed permits with 16 pending with 24 planes on the ramp, which should be at eighty percent capacity in the next couple of months. While advertising had not yet been done the County is planning to do so in the North County Times and the Pacific Coast Flyer. Palomar Airport is currently at an Orange security level. Posters informing travelers of what items are not allowed have been posted throughout the airport. A sworn police officer is currently required on site at a rate of over \$33,000 a month. Olivier Brackett is researching how funding authorized by Homeland Security can defray the cost. A formal meeting had been scheduled with Vision Air regarding their starting service at Palomar Airport. More information will be available at the next PAAC meeting, hopefully including a start date. Mr. Vasquez outlined the plans for the new administrative offices. He introduced Kyle Rabiyan, a Carlsbad High School student who was finishing his internship with Palomar Airport. Kyle worked on his Eagle Scout project at the Fallbrook Airport and has enjoyed his internship, working with the County staff and gaining an inside perspective on airport management. He is a student pilot and plans to go to college and either enter an aviation program, ROTC or may just stay in school, get his hours and fly with the airlines.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Finnila thanked the PAAC members for attending the meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Ms. Reyes asked if the County staff could provide follow up information on their meeting with Vision Air and an update about the progress with the customs facility.

Ms. Finnila announced that the next meeting would be on September 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I